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the laying of the single-track line between Templin and Prenzlau was finished and that an opening ceremony had been arranged at Templin on 30 October 1953.

2. the double-tracking of the line from Luckenwalde to Jueterbog had been held up because of a shortage of rails. The promised Russian deliveries had not arrived, and when they did arrive, certain adjustments would be necessary, since Russian rails are 15 mm larger in support between rail base and rail crown. East Germany had four types of rails, F 6, F 8, F 15 c, and S 49. F 8 and F 15 c are about the same size, but that the S 49 type is larger; it is possible to "marry" F 8 and F 15 c to S 49 rails, but only on straight runs. On curves, this "marrying" would be far too dangerous. As the Russian rails are 15 mm larger in the support than type S 49, "marrying" the rails would require adjustments and could only be done on straight runs.

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